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Attorney Docket No. 101.0083-00000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Gary K. Michelson )  
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Serial No.: 09/991,247 ) Group Art Unit: 3732  
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Filed: November 15, 2001 )  
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For: RATCHETED BONE DOWEL )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph 1, under "Background of the Invention" on page 1 of  
the specification (with the changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

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-- This application claims the benefit of provisional application

Serial No. 60/249,802, filed November 17, 2000, and is a continuation-in-part of  
application Serial No. 09/593,591, filed June 13, 2000, both of which are  
incorporated herein by reference.--

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